with employment guarantee schemes; and

(b) if so, the steps takeen by various State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations were advised to link Horticulture Development with Employment Guarantee Scheme on the pattern of the scheme initiated by the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) No specific respose, positive or negetive, to the suggestion of the Government of India has been received from the state Government and Union Territory Administrations.

**Foreign Nationals in Indian Jails**

5800. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners, country-wise, in Indian jails at present;

(b) whether the Government have taken up the matter of such detainess with the Governments of the concerned countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) According to information received from various state Government and Union Territory Administrations, 1662 foreign nationals are in Indian jails. Nationality-wise break-up has been given in the attached statement.

(b) and (c). Prisoners/convicted offenders are prosecuted according to the law of the country. As per instructions issued by the Government, the arrest of any foreigner for violating the law of the land, is informed by the concerned State Government to the Ministry of Externnal Affairs, who in turn inform the concrned foreign Mission in India. The instructions have also been issued to the State Governments to expedite the trial of foreigners by the courts.

*Statement Showing Nationality-wise Break of Foreign Nationals in Indian jails*

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| Afghanistan | 30 |
| Australia | 1 |
| Austria | 3 |
| Bahrain | 6 |
| Bangladesh | 608 |
| British | 39 |
| Burma | 256 |
| China | 1 |
| Canada | 1 |
| Denmark | 1 |
| Ethiopia | 1 |
| france | 6 |
| Chaina | 23 |
| Germany | 7 |
| Indonesia | 1 |
| Ivory Cost | 1 |
| Irag | 1 |

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| Iran | 26 |
| Jamica | 1 |
| Japan | 1 |
| Jordan | 8 |
| Keny | 32 |
| Libya | 2 |
| Mali | 1 |
| Maldives | 3 |
| Mauritius | 1 |
| Malta | 1 |
| Malaysia | 12 |
| Nepal | 7 |
| Netherland | 3 |
| Nigeria | 105 |
| Oman | 2 |
| Palestine | 1 |
| Pakistan | 213 |
| Phillipians | 7 |
| Poland | 3 |
| Portugal | 6 |
| Romania | 1 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1 |
| Sweden | 2 |
| South Africa | 2 |
| Singapore | 2 |
| Sri Lanka | 122 |
| Sudan | 2 |
| Somalia | 6 |
| Spain | 3 |
| Senegal | 1 |
| Syria | 3 |
| Tibo | 1 |
| Thailand | 58 |
| Thanzania | 37 |
| Turkey | 3 |
| U.S.A. | 5 |
| U.S.S.R. | 1 |
| U.A.E. | 1 |
| Yugoslavia | 1 |
| Yemen | 2 |
| Zambia | 5 |

**Expansion Programme on Bombay Off-Shore**

5801. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has taken up a massive expansion programme on the Bombay off-shore to explore more oil; and

(b) if so, the details thereeof?

THE MNISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During VIII Five Year Plan, ONGC proposes to drill 210 exploratory wells and carry out 73,000 LKM of 2-D and 3-D seismic surveys.

**Fire Accident in H.P.C.L., Bhubaneswar**

5802. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fire accident occured in the office of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar;

(b) If so, the details of the losses suffered;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incident; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken against the persons found responsible?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs.31,65,000/- approximately.

(c) and (d) According to HPC, three separate enquiries were conducted to investigate the incident. It has not been possible to determine the cause of the fire and no specific person/persons is responsible for the fire.

**Scheme for Utilisation of Natural Gas**

5803. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI JAGMIT SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government have received any scheme from State Governments for utilisation of natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action takllen theron;

(c) whether the Government ahve taken any decision to give priority to certain areas allocation of gas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Requests have been received from time to time from State Governments for aallocation of gas for different projects and they are considered keeping in view the availlability and commitments made in the region.

(c) and (d). Priority is generally given to the Power, Fertilizer, Steel and Petrochemcial Sectors, based on the imputeed value of gas for these applications.

**Low Employmment Elasticity**

5804. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the employment elasticity in agricultural sector is very low;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to overcome this problem?